

By Mr. HATCH, Committee on the Judiciary:

Q. Todd Dickinson, of Pennsylvania, to be Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

Anne H. Chasser, of Ohio, to be an Assistant Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

Kathryn M. Turman, of Virginia, to be Director of the Office for Victims of Crime.

Melvin W. Kahle, of West Virginia, to be United States Attorney for the Northern District of West Virginia for a term of 4 years.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

## INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1840. A bill to provide for the transfer of public lands to certain California Indian Tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

By Mr. COCHRAN:

S. 1841. A bill to provide private chapter 7 panel trustees and chapter 13 standing trustees with remedies for resolving disputes with the United States Trustee Program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. WELLSTONE:

S. 1842. A bill to combat trafficking of persons in the United States and countries around the world through prevention, prosecution and enforcement against traffickers, and protection and assistance to victims of trafficking; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. SESSIONS:

S. 1843. A bill to designate certain Federal land in the Talladega National Forest, Alabama, as the "Dugger Mountain Wilderness"; considered and passed.

By Mr. ROTH (for himself, Mr. MOYNIHAN, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. ROBERTS, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. GRAMM, Mr. KERREY, Mrs. HUTCHISON, and Mr. BAYH):

S. 1844. A bill to amend part D of title IV of the Social Security Act to provide for an alternative penalty procedure with respect to compliance with requirements for a State disbursement unit; considered and passed.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mr. LAUTENBERG):

S. 1845. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit the sale or transfer of a firearm or ammunition to an intoxicated person; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

## SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Res. 214. A resolution authorizing the taking of photographs in the Chamber of the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 215. A resolution making changes to Senate committees for the 106th Congress; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CAMPBELL (for himself, Mr. INOUE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. SMITH of Oregon, Mr.

AKAKA, Mr. CONRAD, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. HATCH, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KOHL, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. REID, Mr. ENZI, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. MURKOWSKI, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. BURNS, Mr. GRAMS, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. ALLARD, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. FRIST, Mr. JEFFORDS, and Mr. KENNEDY):

S. Res. 216. A resolution designating the Month of November 1999 as "National American Indian Heritage Month"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HUTCHINSON:

S. Res. 217. A resolution relating to the freedom of belief, expression, and association in the People's Republic of China; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. TORRICELLI:

S. Con. Res. 65. A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress regarding the preservation of full and open competition for contracts for the transportation of United States military cargo between the United States and the Republic of Iceland; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. DASCHLE):

S. Con. Res. 66. A concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of "Capitol Builder: The Shorthand Journals of Captain Montgomery C. Meigs, 1853-1861"; considered and agreed to.

S. Con. Res. 67. A concurrent resolution to authorize the printing of "The United States Capitol" A Chronicle, Design, and Politics"; considered and agreed to.

## STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mrs. BOXER:

S. 1840. A bill to provide for the transfer of public lands to certain California Indian tribes; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

### CALIFORNIA INDIAN LAND TRANSFER ACT

Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, today I am introducing the California Indian Land Transfer Act, which would transfer to eight California tribes approximately 3,500 acres of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land to be used for housing construction, grazing, resource protection, and non-gaming economic development.

The eight tribes are the Pit River Tribe (Modoc County), the Fort Bidwell Indian Community (Modoc County), the Pala Band of Mission Indians (San Diego County), the Cuyapaipe Band of Mission Indians (San Diego County), the Manzanita Band of Mission Indians (San Diego County), the Barona Band of Mission Indians (San Diego County), and the Morongo Band of Mission Indians (Riverside County).

All of the parcels of BLM land are contiguous to existing reservation trust lands and have been formally classified as suitable for disposal through the BLM land use planning process.

Many California Indian tribes now lack reservations of sufficient size to provide housing or an economic base adequate to meet the needs of their members and their families. Other California Indian reservations have such poor quality lands that the tribal options for economic development are

extremely limited. This situation derives from the complex history of federal-tribal relations in California. Instead of the approximately 8.5 million acres of land promised in the treaties, the California tribes now reside on a little more than 400,000 acres. Approximately one-third of California's 107 federally recognized tribes have a land base of less than 50 acres; approximately two-thirds have a land base of less than 500 acres, leaving little opportunity for these tribes to develop viable communities and economies where their members can live and work.

The counties in which these lands are located support the tribes' efforts to acquire these lands and have participated in the federal land planning process through which these parcels were identified and made available for transfer to the tribes. This legislation also has the support of the Administration. A similar bill, H.R. 2742, passed the House of Representatives last Congress and was placed on the Senate's consent calendar but was never brought to a vote before adjournment. An earlier version of the bill suffered the same fate in the 104th Congress and I am informed that the negotiations between the Department of the Interior and the Tribes for transfer of these lands date back to 1994.

This legislation is the result of a multiyear cooperative effort by the tribes, the Secretary, the BLM and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, in consultation with local country governments. This effort allows me to present a model legislative blueprint for inter-agency transfer of federal lands as a means of enhancing the extremely limited land and resources base of California's small tribes. The bill also stands as an excellent example of federal, tribal, and local governmental consultation and collaboration within the planning process for disposition of federal lands that have been formally classified as suitable for disposal. It is time for Congress to do its part and conclude this successful intergovernmental collaboration.

I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill and letters of support from the eight tribes and four counties affected by this legislation be included in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

S. 1840

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "California Indian Land Transfer Act".

### SEC. 2. LANDS HELD IN TRUST FOR VARIOUS TRIBES OF CALIFORNIA INDIANS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to valid existing rights, all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the lands, including improvements and appurtenances, described in a paragraph of subsection (b) in connection with the respective tribe, band, or group of Indians named in such paragraph are hereby declared to be held in trust by the United